

## What is the Veterans Conservation Corps?

The Washington State Legislature passed Senate Bill 5539 in 2005 creating the Veterans Conservation Corps. The primary mission of the Veterans Conservation Corps is to assist veterans by providing volunteer opportunities on projects that help protect and restore Washington's rivers, streams, lakes, marine waters and open lands.

## Who Can Participate?

Veterans coping with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or other effects from their war-time experiences are eligible. Only Veterans who choose to participate can be added to the Veterans Conservation Corps list. (Please refer to the contact information in this brochure for additional eligibility information.)



## Are Other Organizations/ Agencies Partnering With the Veterans Conservation Corps?

The Veterans Conservation Corps is organized by a program coordinator at the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) and each of the WDVA Post Traumatic Stress Disorder contract counselors.

WDVA works closely with the following organizations/agencies to identify projects where veteran participation is most beneficial:

- ◆ Salmon Recovery Board
- ◆ Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation
- ◆ Department of Natural Resources
- ◆ Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ◆ State Parks and Recreation Commission

## What Type of Work Does the Veterans Conservation Corps Do?

Veterans will work on habitat restoration or protection projects across Washington State.

Activities could include:

- ◆ Stream Monitoring
- ◆ Outdoor Labor
- ◆ Office or Clerical Duties
- ◆ Community Education
- ◆ Other Protection or Restoration Activities

## Who Can I Call for More Information?

For more information, you can contact Mark Fischer at **1-800-562-2308** / 360-586-1073 / or [markf@dva.wa.gov](mailto:markf@dva.wa.gov). Or you can fill out the application on the back of this brochure and send it to Mark Fischer, c/o WDVA, PO Box 41155, Olympia, Wa. 98504-1155. You may also contact your local WDVA Post Traumatic Stress Disorder contract counselor or other WDVA offices. A list of PTSD Counselors is available on our web site at: [www.dva.wa.gov](http://www.dva.wa.gov). Click on the PTSD button.

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***"Help restore  
salmon,  
steelhead, and  
trout  
populations to  
healthy  
harvestable  
levels and  
improve those  
habitats on  
which the fish  
rely."***

**Application to Volunteer for  
Salmon Restoration Projects**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Or other contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer job interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or bring to: Mark Fischer \* WDVA \* 505 East Franklin \* PO Box 41155 \*  
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